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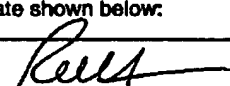
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This Reply is responsive to the Office Action dated April 26, 2005.

REMARKS

In the Action, claims 1-36 were made subject to a restriction requirement. Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement. However, in order to advance prosecution of the Application, Applicant elects Invention Group I, corresponding to claims 1-19, for examination on the merits.

Claims 1-19 (Invention Group I) are drawn to a process for producing a leached fiber bundle. Claims 20-36 (Invention Group II) claim a leached fiber bundle which can be made by the process of claims 1-19.